Technology Acquisition Readiness Index and Processes

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- Proliferation of new metrics and processes
- Technology Acquisition Readiness
- PEO Ships efforts - TAREP and TARI
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Technology Assessment Challenge

- Technology and systems can be highly complex
- Subjectivity impossible to eliminate
- S&T and Acquisition have different perspectives

New Metric and Processes

- Proliferation of new technology assessment / management metrics and processes in recent years

- Address some issues but raise others

Technology Acquisition Readiness

- Need metrics and processes that support program and project management in assessing technology in an acquisition context and making acquisition decisions

PEO Ships Efforts

- PEO Ships S&T Directorate staff work S&T within an acquisition organization

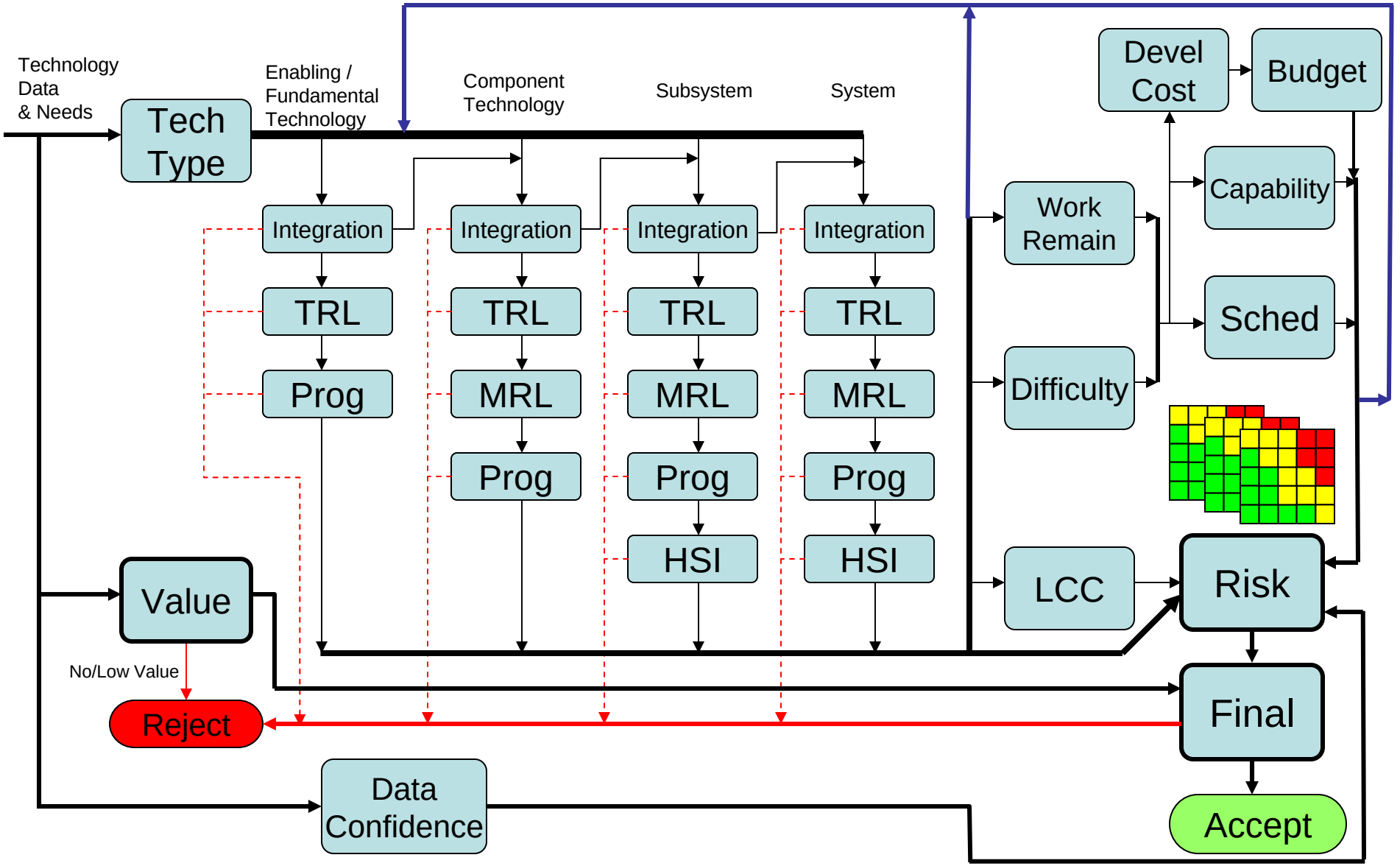
- Have been working on developing two approaches to address technology management issues:
  - Technology Acquisition Readiness Evaluation Process
  - Technology Acquisition Readiness Index tool

Technology Acquisition Readiness Evaluation Process

- Strongly driven from an acquisition perspective
- Objective is to provide a **context** for technology assessment / evaluation that feeds acquisition program / project management
- **Not** intended to reinvent the wheel
- Is a work in process

TAREP Overview

Technology Acquisition Readiness



Determine Value

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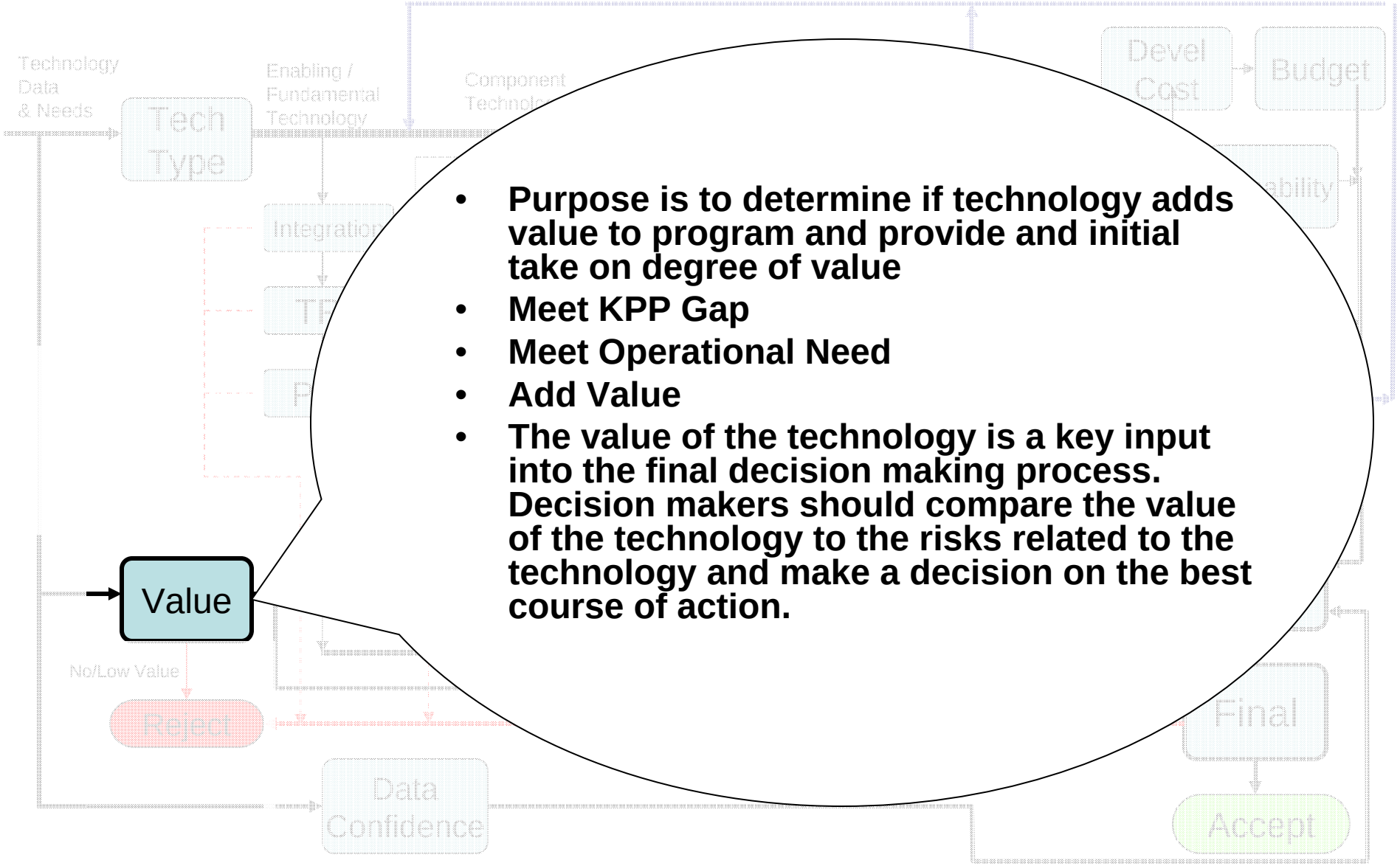
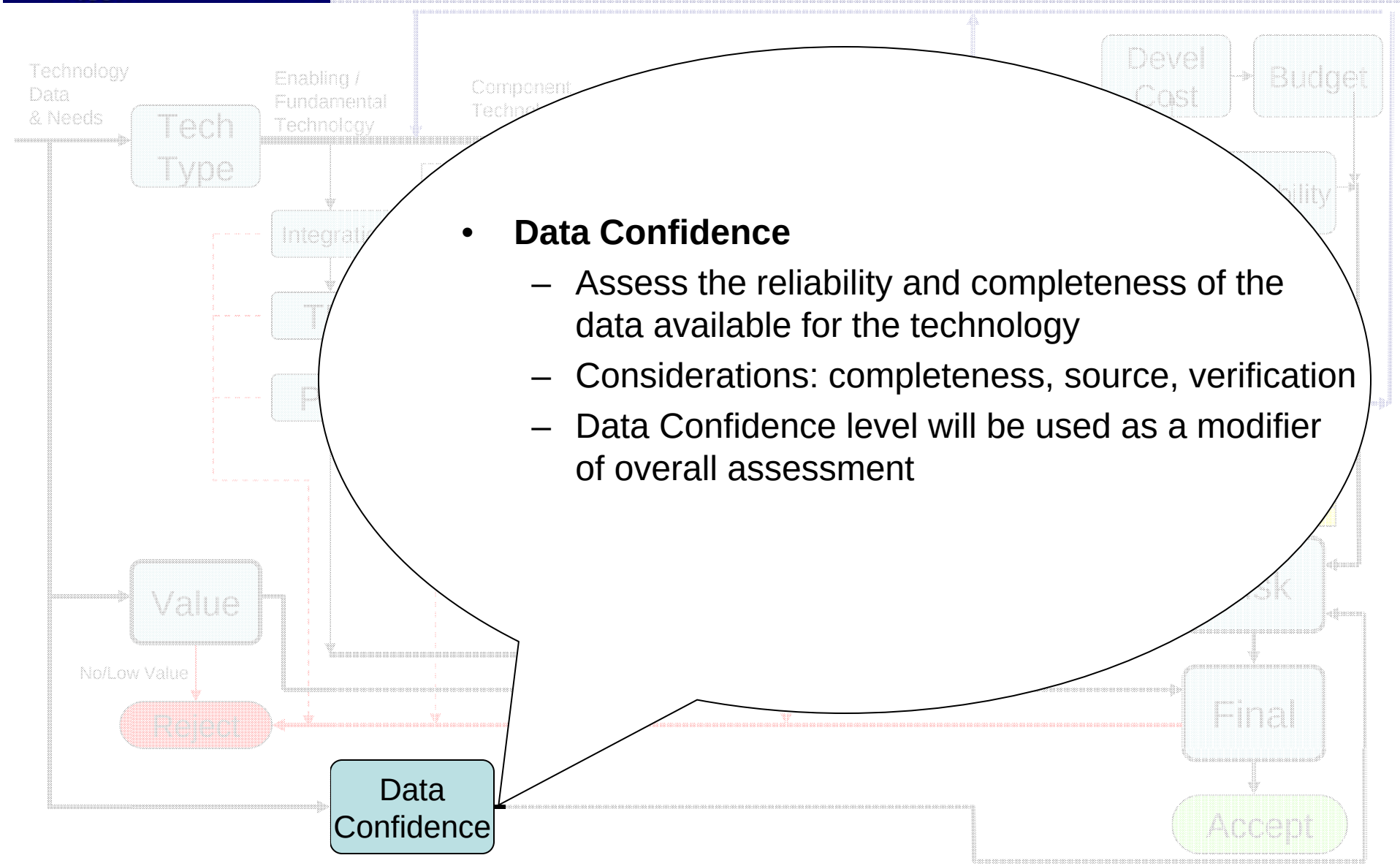


- **Purpose is to determine if technology adds value to program and provide and initial take on degree of value**
- **Meet KPP Gap**
- **Meet Operational Need**
- **Add Value**
- **The value of the technology is a key input into the final decision making process. Decision makers should compare the value of the technology to the risks related to the technology and make a decision on the best course of action.**

Evaluation Processes

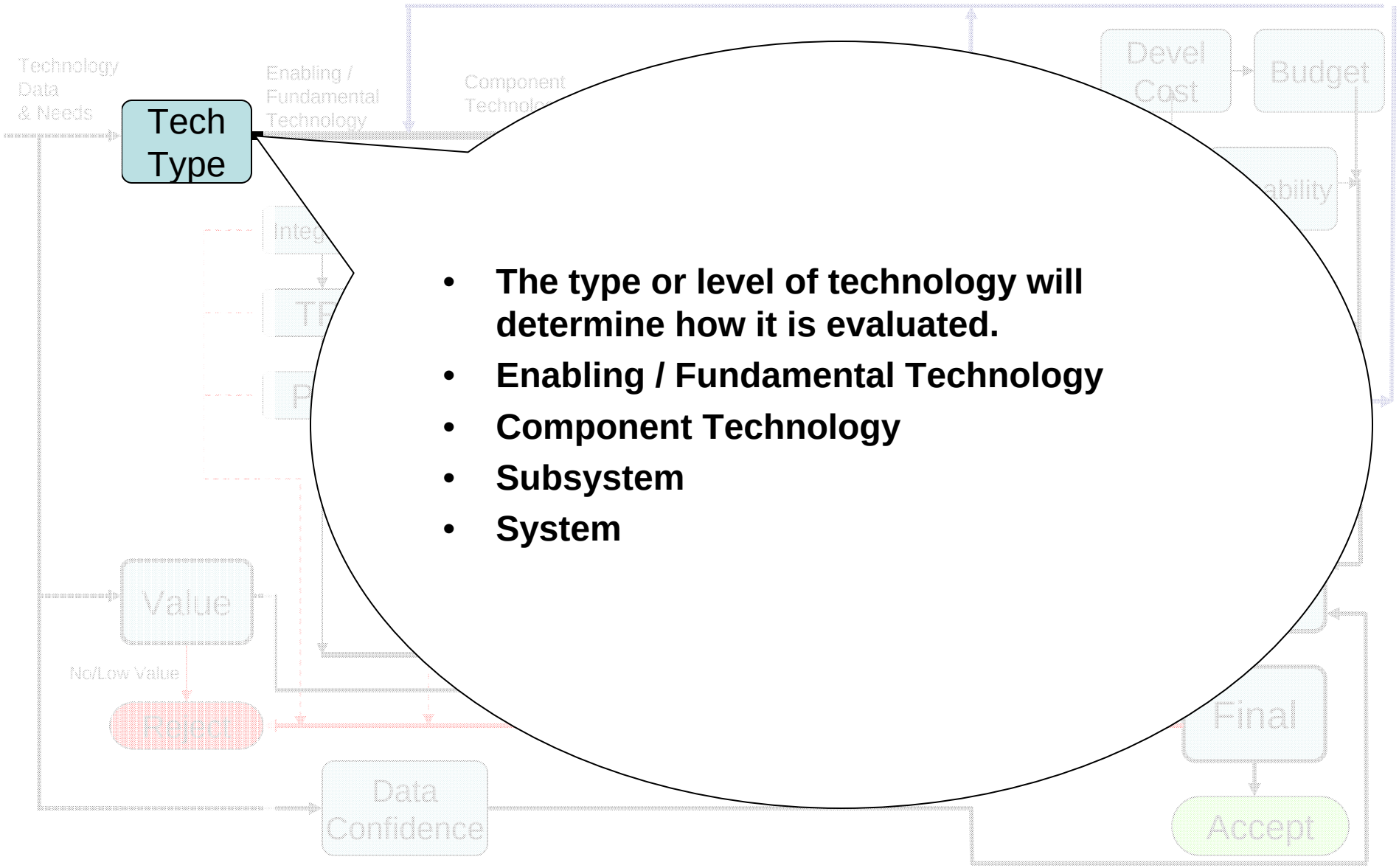
Technology Acquisition Readiness



- **Data Confidence**
  - Assess the reliability and completeness of the data available for the technology
  - Considerations: completeness, source, verification
  - Data Confidence level will be used as a modifier of overall assessment

Technology Type

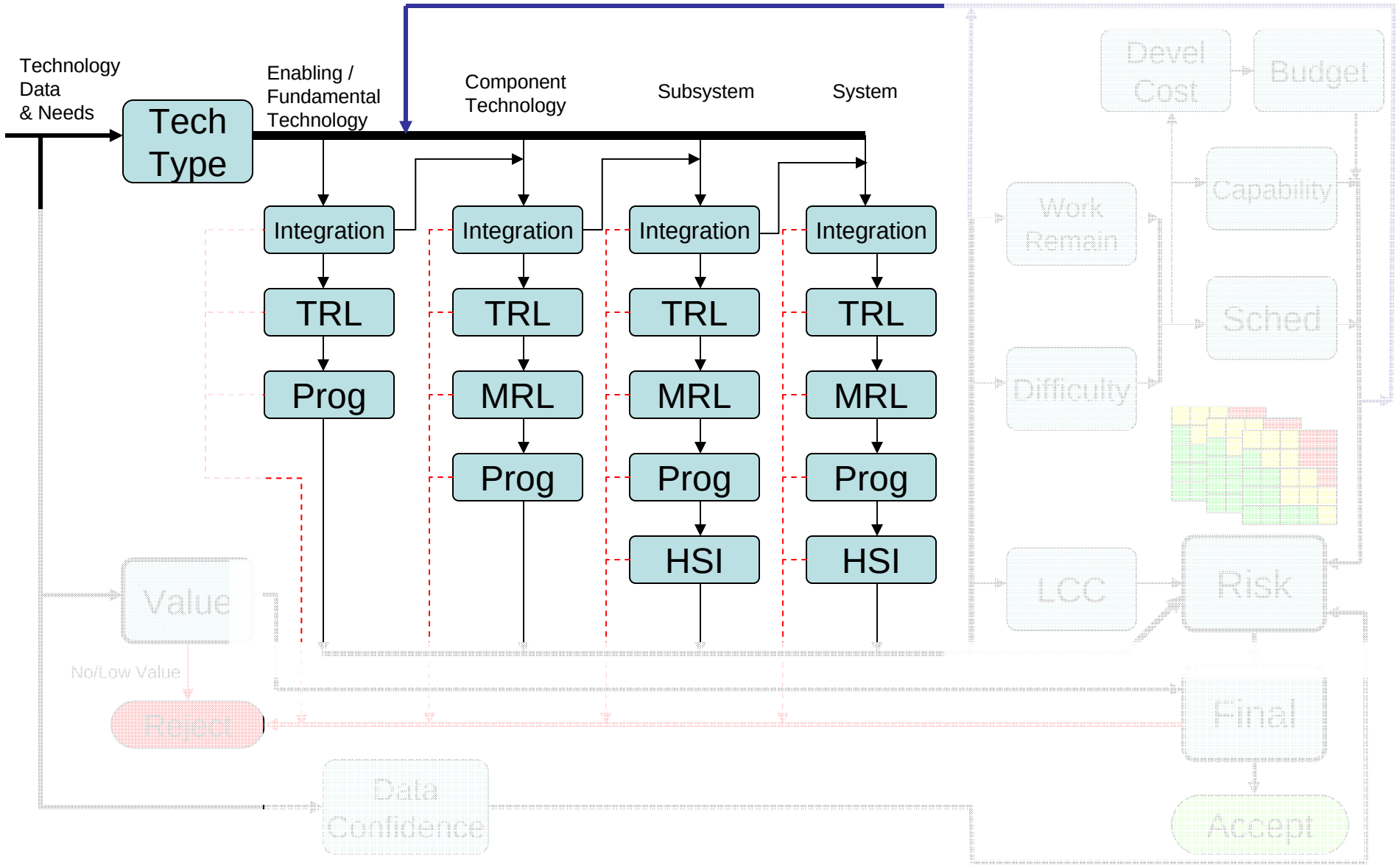
Technology Acquisition Readiness



- **The type or level of technology will determine how it is evaluated.**
- **Enabling / Fundamental Technology**
- **Component Technology**
- **Subsystem**
- **System**

Evaluation by Technology Type

Technology Acquisition Readiness



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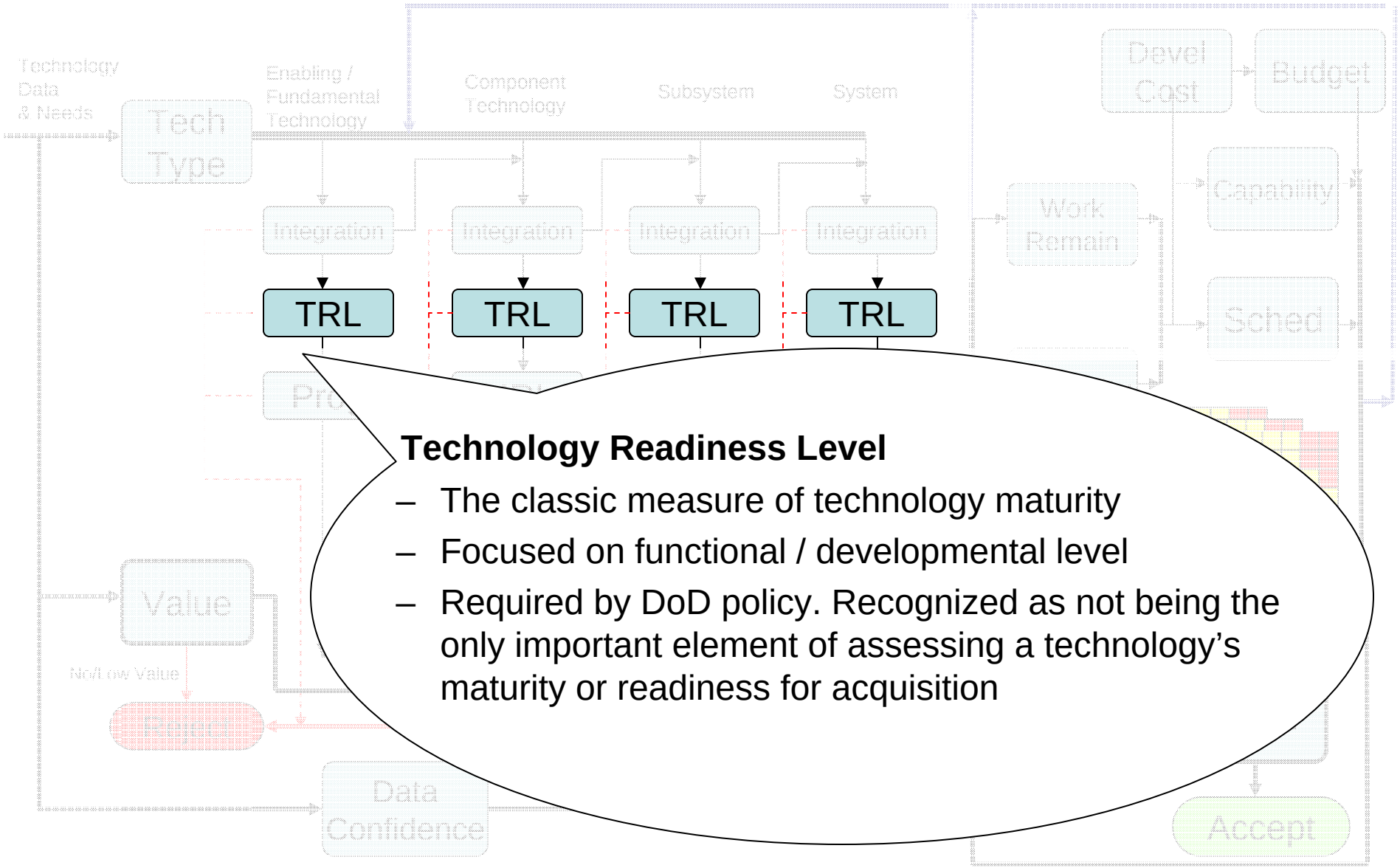

Technology Readiness Level

- The classic measure of technology maturity
- Focused on functional / developmental level
- Required by DoD policy. Recognized as not being the only important element of assessing a technology's maturity or readiness for acquisition

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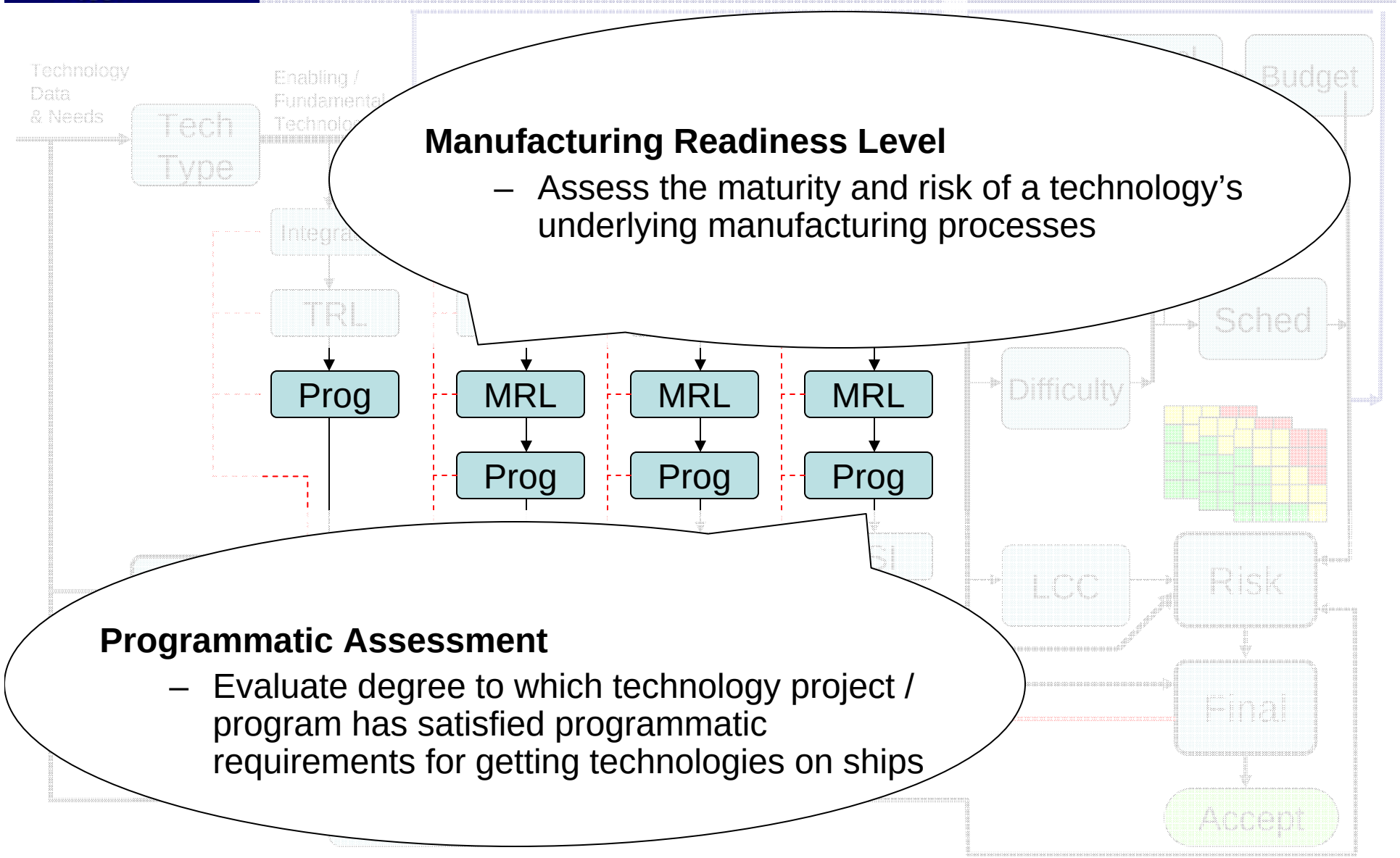

Manufacturing Readiness Level

– Assess the maturity and risk of a technology's underlying manufacturing processes

Programmatic Assessment

– Evaluate degree to which technology project / program has satisfied programmatic requirements for getting technologies on ships

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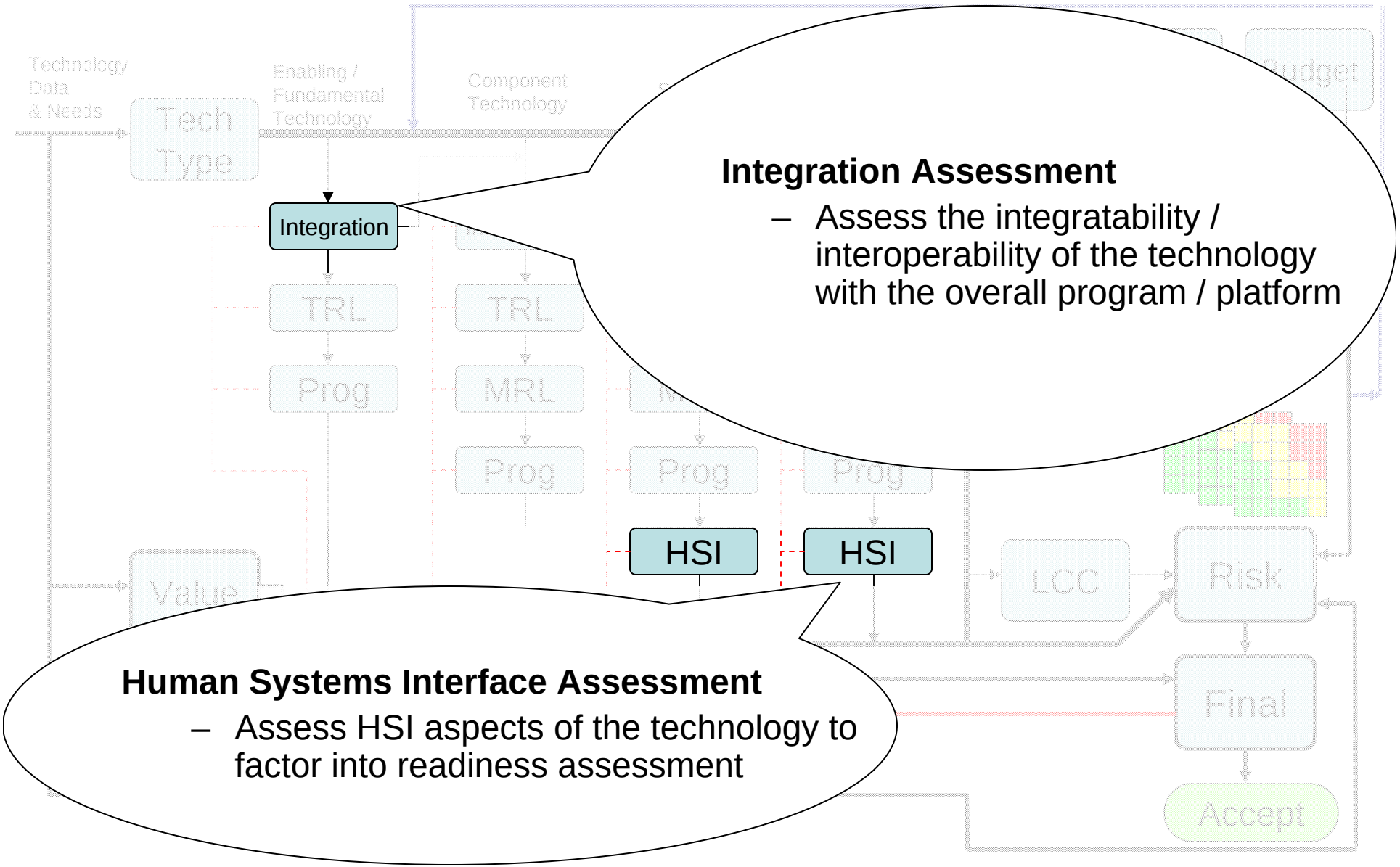

Integration Assessment

- Assess the integratability / interoperability of the technology with the overall program / platform

Human Systems Interface Assessment

- Assess HSI aspects of the technology to factor into readiness assessment

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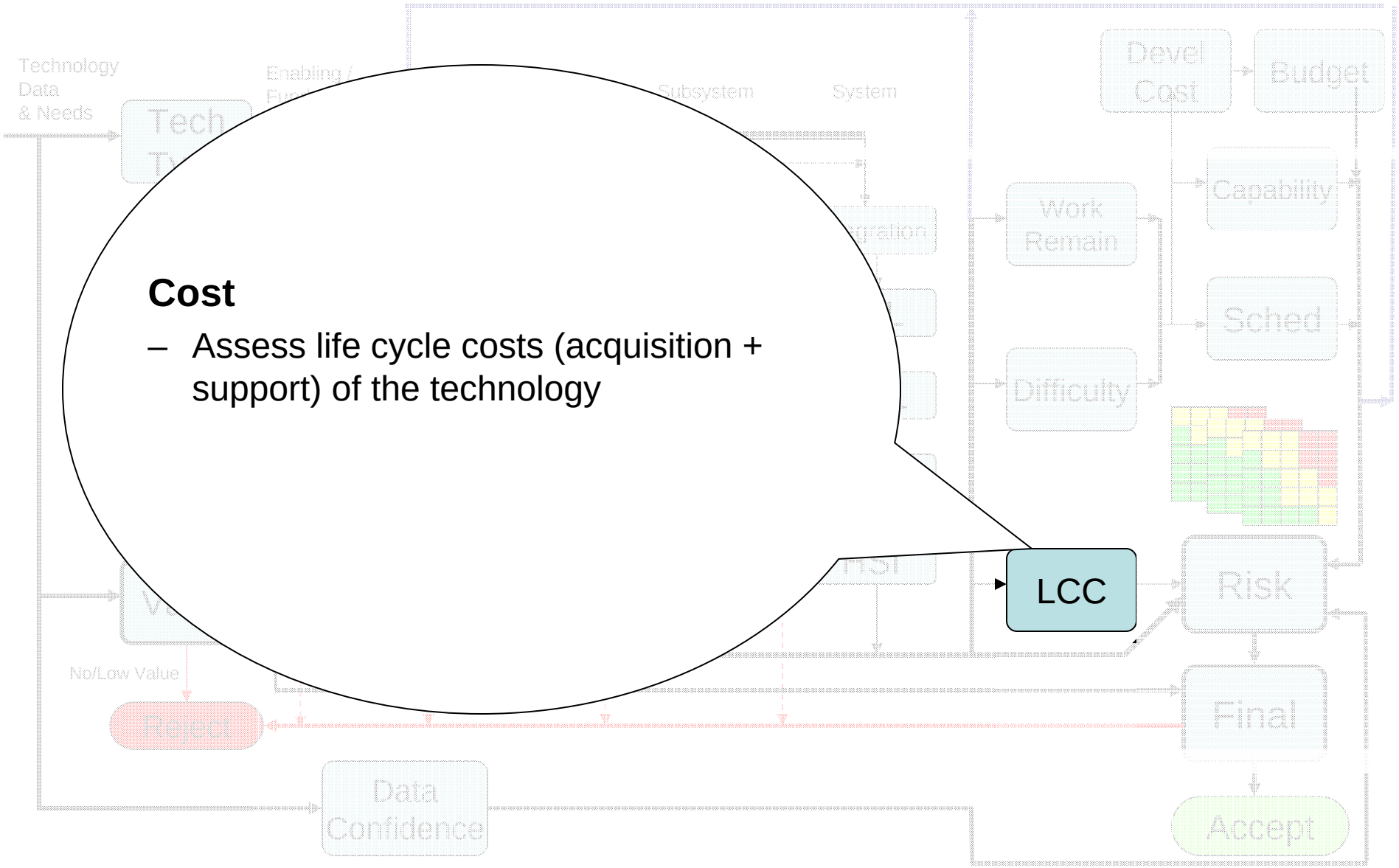

Cost

– Assess life cycle costs (acquisition + support) of the technology

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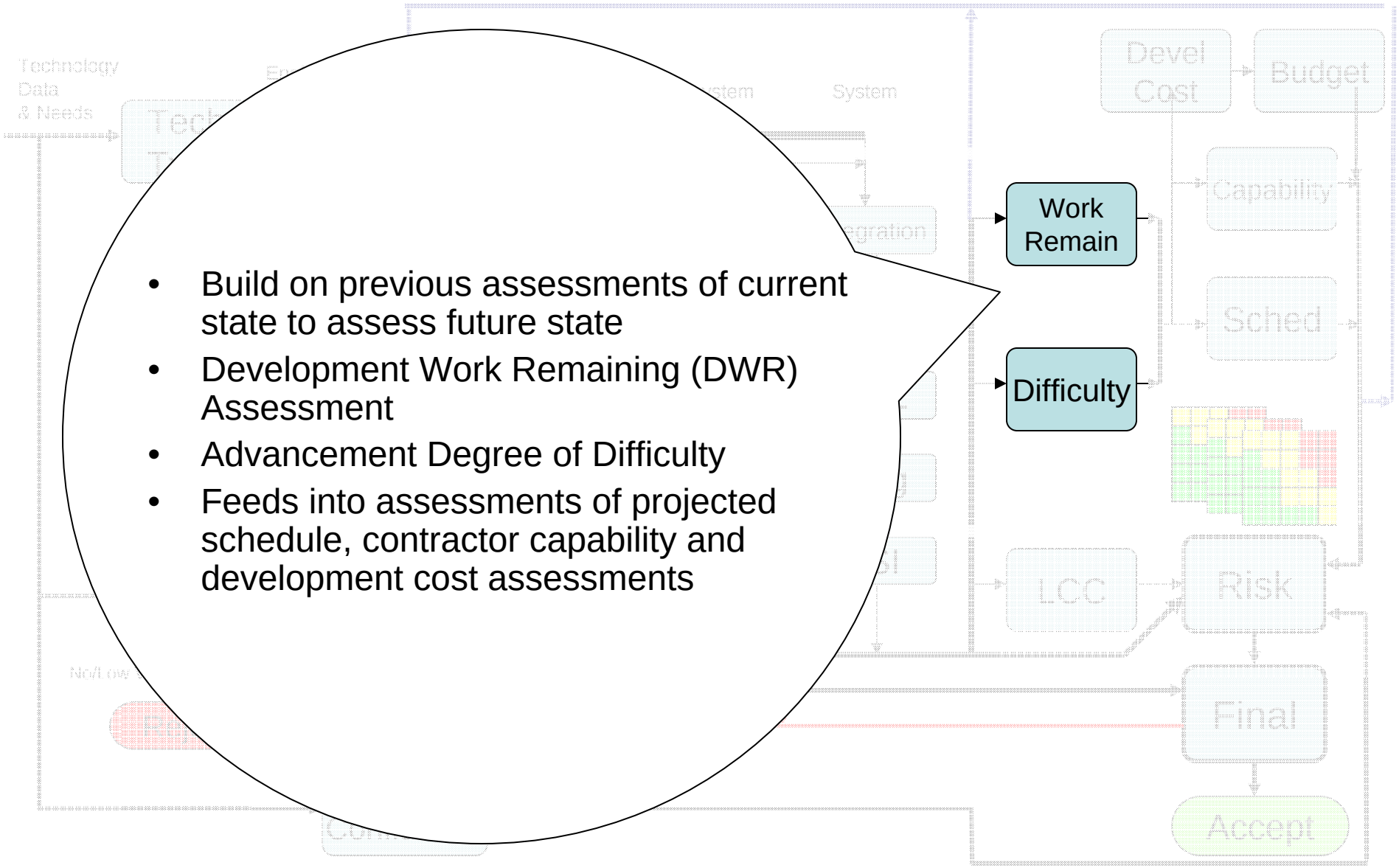

- Build on previous assessments of current state to assess future state
- Development Work Remaining (DWR) Assessment
- Advancement Degree of Difficulty
- Feeds into assessments of projected schedule, contractor capability and development cost assessments

Evaluation Processes

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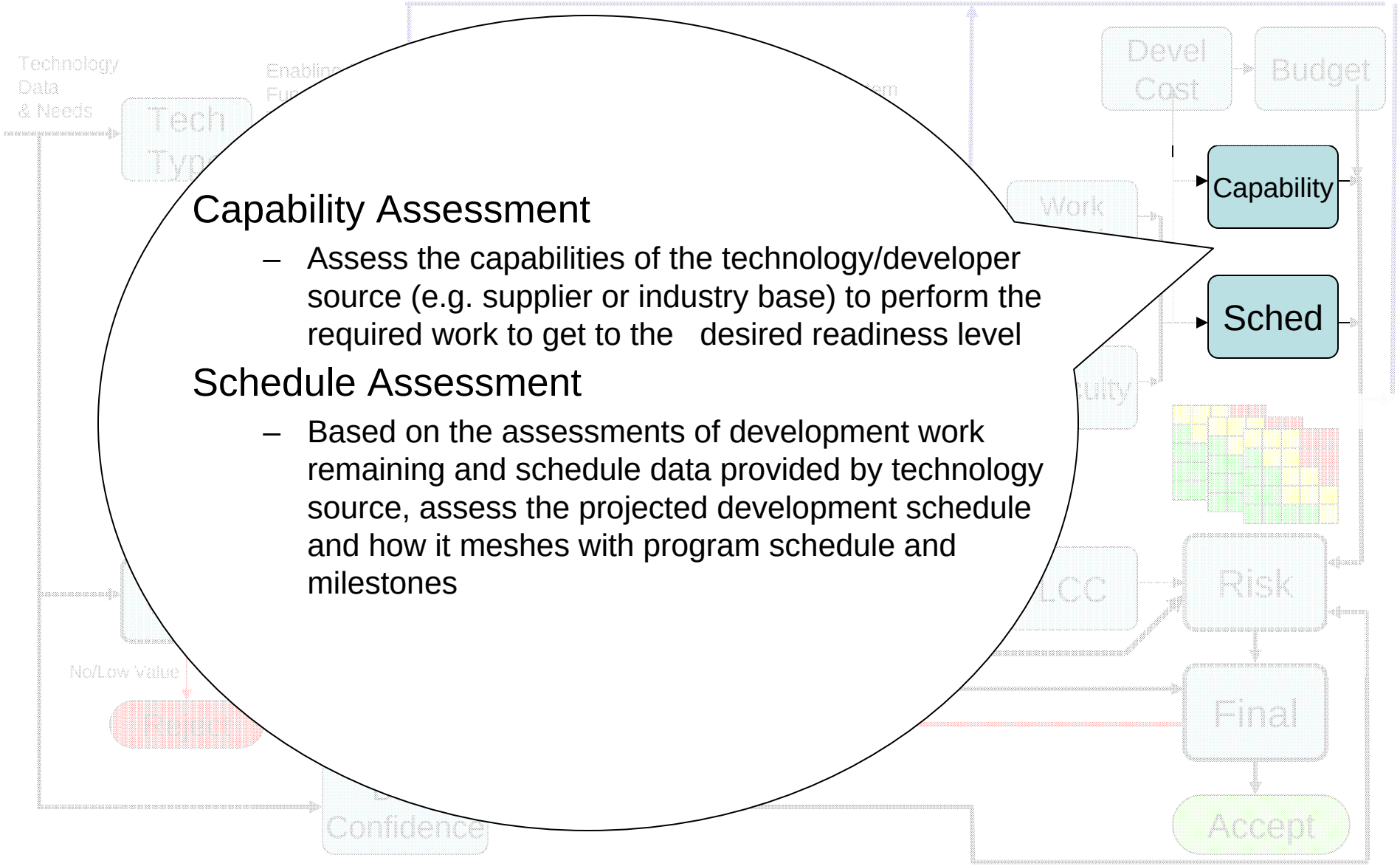

Capability Assessment

- Assess the capabilities of the technology/developer source (e.g. supplier or industry base) to perform the required work to get to the desired readiness level

Schedule Assessment

- Based on the assessments of development work remaining and schedule data provided by technology source, assess the projected development schedule and how it meshes with program schedule and milestones

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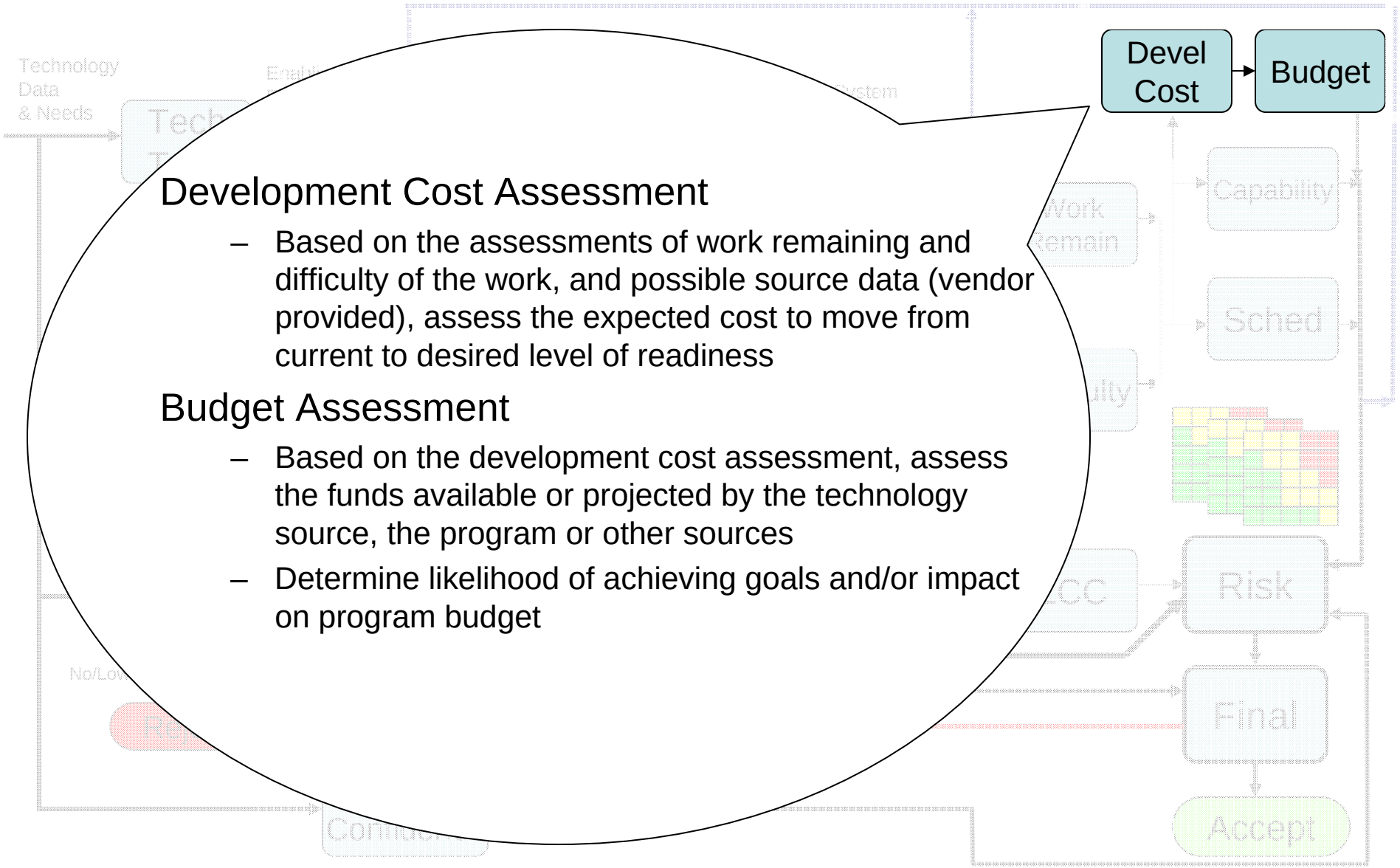


Development Cost Assessment

- Based on the assessments of work remaining and difficulty of the work, and possible source data (vendor provided), assess the expected cost to move from current to desired level of readiness

Budget Assessment

- Based on the development cost assessment, assess the funds available or projected by the technology source, the program or other sources
- Determine likelihood of achieving goals and/or impact on program budget

Evaluation Processes

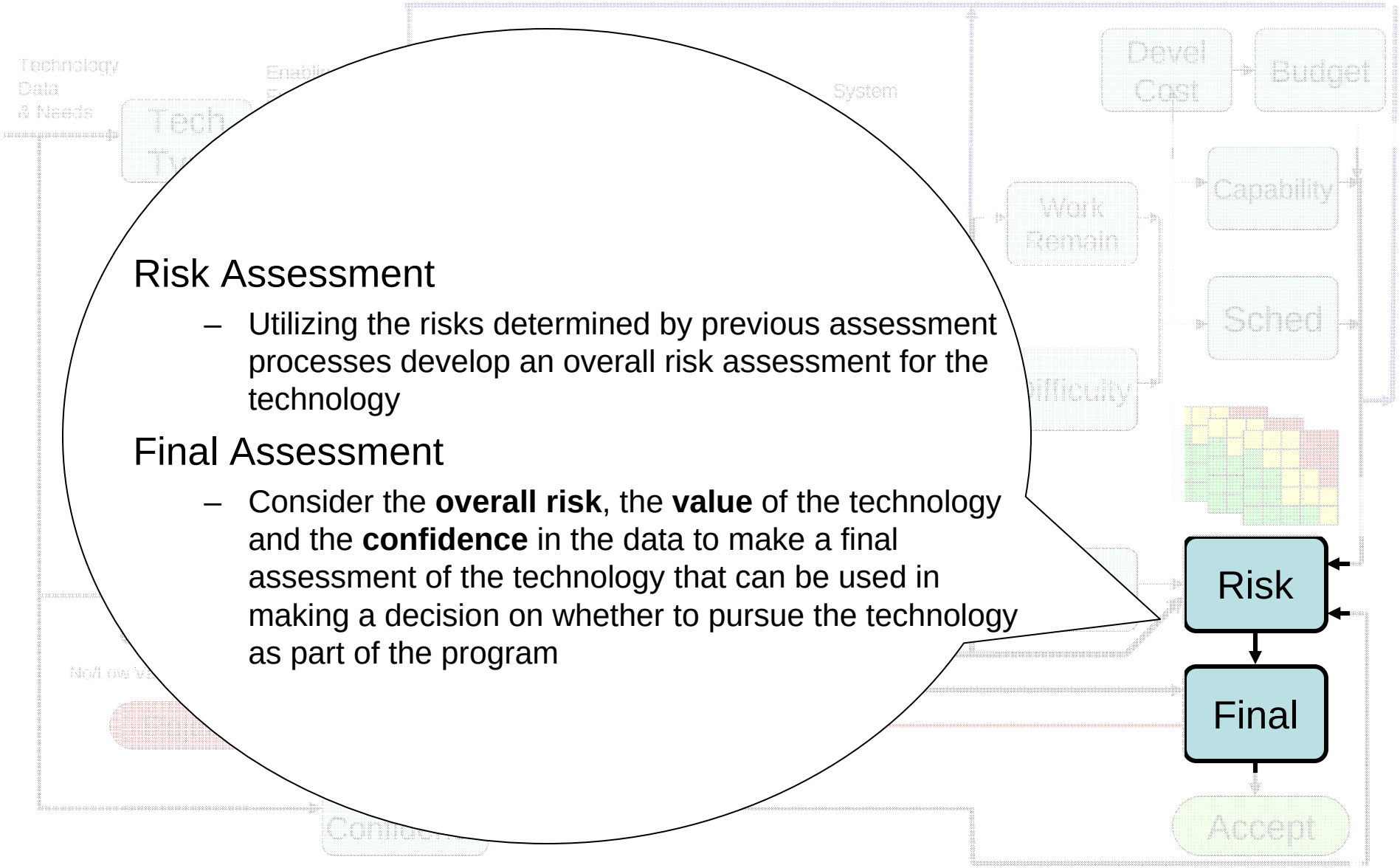
Technology Acquisition Readiness

Risk Assessment

- Utilizing the risks determined by previous assessment processes develop an overall risk assessment for the technology

Final Assessment

- Consider the **overall risk**, the **value** of the technology and the **confidence** in the data to make a final assessment of the technology that can be used in making a decision on whether to pursue the technology as part of the program



TAREP Summary

Technology Acquisition Readiness

- Provides a process flow and context to guide technology assessments with acquisition focus
- Utilize existing metrics and processes. Define relationships between assessment metrics and processes.
- Technology evaluation process and subprocesses feed into risk analysis and provide the needed data to support decision making
- Basic process laid out. Next step is to refine and specify the interfaces / relationships to provide mechanism to enable / facilitate linking of metrics and processes.

Technology Management Discussion

Technology Acquisition Readiness

- Natural void between development and procurement
- Mismatch between commercial viability and Military requirements
- Resources are becoming scarcer

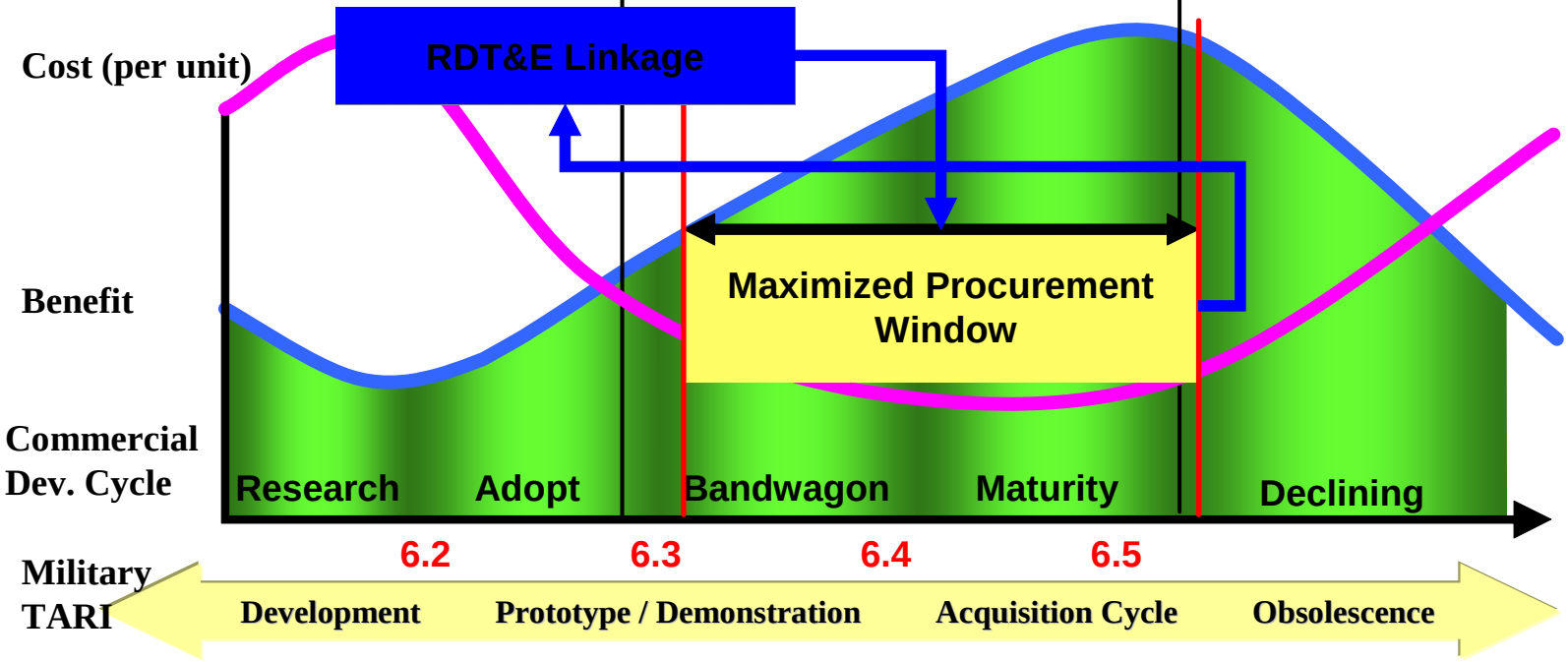
Technology Mgmt Goals

Technology Acquisition Readiness

BLEEDING EDGE
- High purchase cost
- High training cost
- Lack of Support

LEADING EDGE
- Reasonable purchase cost
- Training and support readily available

TRAILING EDGE
- High cost of maintenance
- Increased training cost
- Multiple system baseline
- Reduced performance



Push initial procurement to leading edge… Pull replacement within trailing edge

Interaction of Technology & Acquisition

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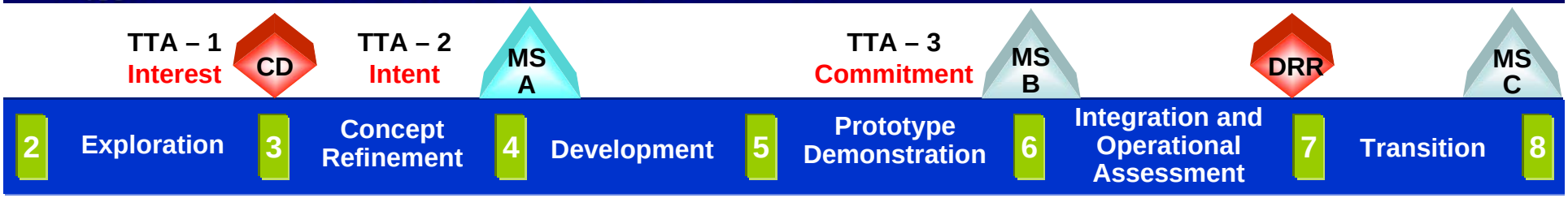

Peak Involvement

Development Scale

Acquisition Management

- Establishes Exit criteria & Deliverables for each TRL
- Reinforces System Engineering Principles
- Focuses on successful transitioning
- Provides the criteria supporting TTAs
- Defines each TRL as a phase
- Aligns to DoD 5000

Technology Management

Minimal Involvement

Transition Management Model For Technology Maturation

Technology Acquisition Readiness Index
Basic Principles

Technology Acquisition Readiness

Process:

- Make Development Cycle Visible at multiple levels
- Utilize fundamental Systems Engineering Principals
- Establish End Goals, Communication methods and Transition paths early
- Identify / Align Resources
- Think in terms of Portfolio Mgt
- Concentrate on Developing Critical Mass

Tools:

- Web based
- Scalable
- Tailorable
- Automated as much as possible

TARI Framework

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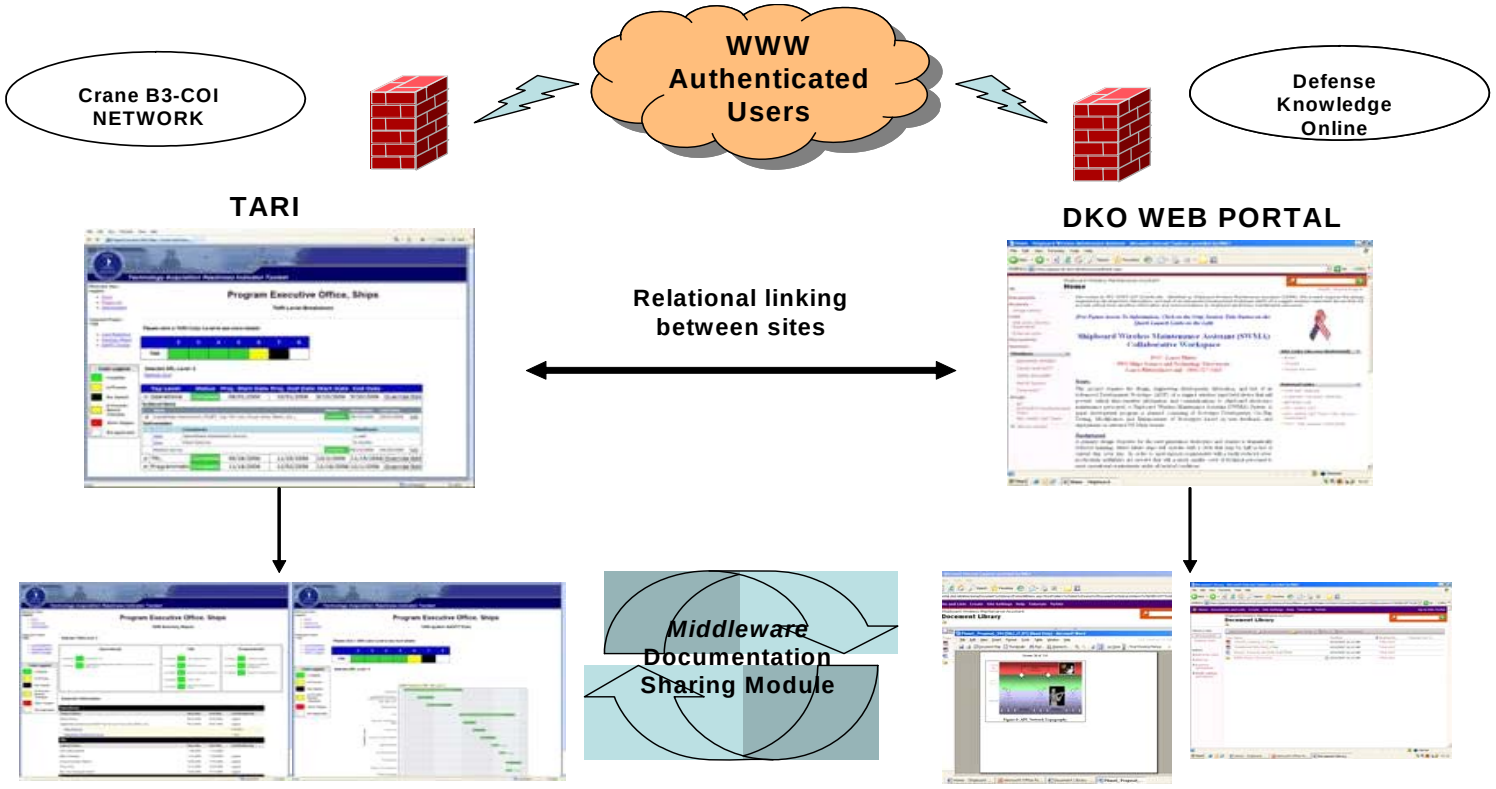

Non- DoD Document Library

- Summary View
- Milestone Documentation
- Industry/Academia Partner Data

DoD Document repository

- Community of Interest
- Project Overviews
- TPOC/Gov't Partner Data

TARI Discussion

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PEO SHIPS S&T WLAN Transition

Technology Acquisition Readiness

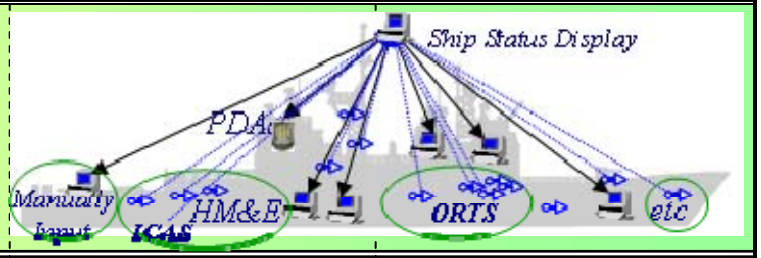
CD | MS A | MASON Install | COLE Install | MS B | DRR

FISCAL YEAR	2 1999	3 2000	4 2001	2002	5 2003	2004	2005	6 2006	7 2007	8 2008
	Formulation	Proof of Concept	Refinement	Development			Demonstration / Transition		Integration/Production	

Phase I

- TSM Devel
- WLAN Technology
- Wireless Sensor Tech
- Other Critical Tech

- Define Concept Requirement
- Identify underlying Capability Needs
- Explore technical authority/ Guidance
- Establish Operational value



Phase II

Lab Accreditation → Prototype Development

Interoperability Testing → Initial Prototype Tests

- Design AP Prototype
- Define Technical Guidance
- Perform component I accreditation

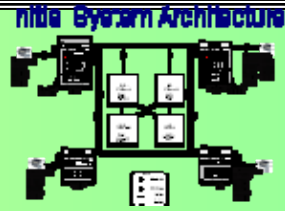
Component Design

Phase III

- Design/Develop System Architecture
  - Extension to ISNS LAN
- Perform System Accreditation
  - SSAA/ IATO
- Demonstrate Technical Feasibility in operational environment

Sys Design → Sys Arch | Manufacture → Assembly. & Ground Test | Initial Install → Evaluate

System Architecture



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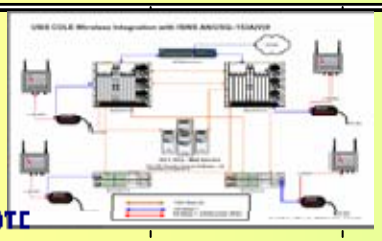

- LOE Operational Assessment
- Integrated Design Architecture
- Integrated System Accreditation
- Business Case Assessment
- ATO…

Accredit → T&E | MUA → Integrate | Acquire → POM

Integrated Architecture

Summary

- TAREP and TARI yet one more attempt to tackle aspects of the technology assessment challenge
- TAREP provides a means to define relationships between tech assessment metrics in an acquisition context
- TARI provides a technology project tool to aid project managers in achieving technology transition to acquisition
- Both are works in progress and are open to comment

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TARI Slide Transitions

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TARI Level Breakdown

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	Initiate SCD and Shipmain processes	Complete	06/13/2007	06/20/2007	Edit

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Ability to view associated documents

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USS COLE Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)

USAGE EVALUATION SURVEY
DECEMBER 2005

FINAL TABULATIONS

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TARI Summary Report

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Complete	Request Authority To Operate	Complete	Produce Prototype Hardware for a Relevant Environment	Complete	Cost & Risk Assessment
Complete	Conduct Assessment Surveys	Complete	Demonstrate Increased Capabilities	Complete	Transition Agreement (commitment)
		Complete	Demonstate Prototype Ready for Operations	Complete	LCC

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Operational Assessment Survey			

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Demonstrate Increased Capabilities	06-22-2007	07-15-2007	nsgates
Demonstate Prototype Ready for Operations	06-17-2007	06-24-2007	nsgates

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TARI System GANTT Chart

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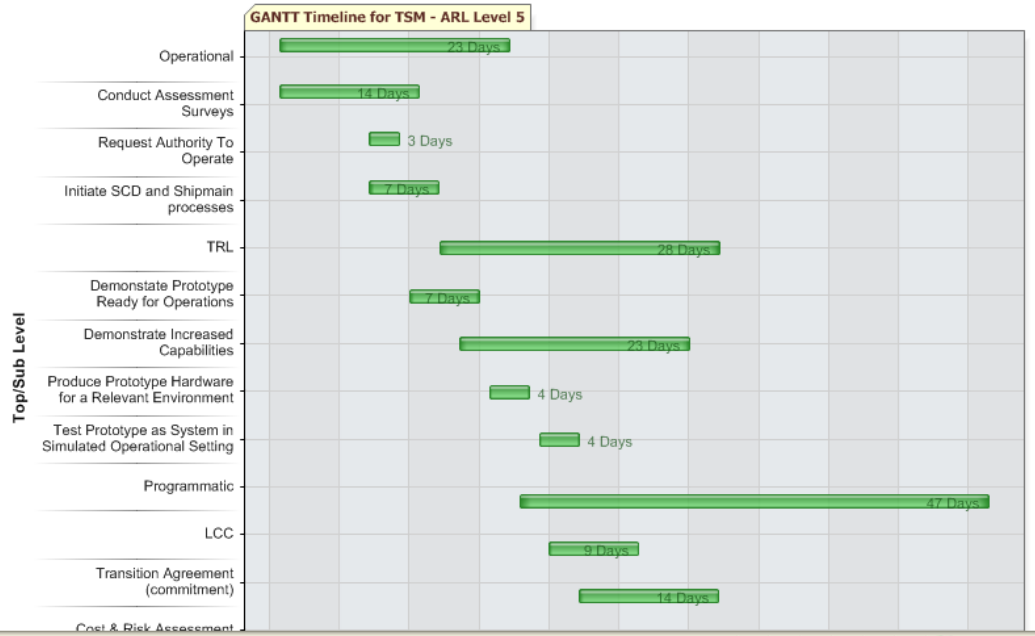

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